

1 **Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council**
2 **March 8, 2022**

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4 Members Present: Chad Parker (Chair, HIST), James Albert (BIOL), Alan Barhorst (MCHE), Amy Brown
5 (PSYC), Frank Del Favero (EDFL), Deedra Harrington (NURS), Natalie Keefer (EDCI), Sarfraz Khan (ACCT),
6 Ashlie Latiolais (ARCH), Jennifer Lemoine (NURS), Amanda Shuford Mayeaux (EDFL), Catherine Roche-
7 Wallace (MUS), Roger Rholdon (NURS), David Squires (ENGL), Heather Stone (EDCI), Colleen Wolverton
8 (MGMT), Benjamin Yates (MUS), Mark Zappi (CHEE)
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10 Members Absent: Gabby Atkinson (SREB Fellow, PhD BIOL), Brian Bolton (ECON), Terrence Chambers
11 (MCHE), Eric Ferré (GEOL), Raphaël Gottardi (GEOL), Patricia Hunt (GSO, PhD ALSS), Michael Totaro
12 (CMIX), M. Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio)
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14 **Approvals**

15 Motion made to accept the February 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried.
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17 **Presentation of Applicants to Candidacy**

18 Motion made to accept presentation of applicants to candidacy. Motion seconded and carried.
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20 **Committee Reports**

21 No report. C. Parker said that he will be meeting with B. Bauer, C. Giroir, and M. Farmer-Kaiser next
22 week to discuss updating the committee's scope.
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24 **Student Appeals**

25 A report was submitted by the Graduate School on behalf of Y. Wu that provided information on the
26 January 10 and February 21 meetings. Motion made to accept report. Motion seconded and carried.
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28 **Fellowships Committee**

29 No report.
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31 **Graduate Faculty Membership Committee**

32 No report.
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34 **Old Business**
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36 **Update on Stats Lab**

37 C. Parker said that M. Farmer-Kaiser will provide an update to the Graduate Council on their most recent
38 meeting with the Provost.
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40 **Update on Spring 2022 and Summer 2022 Grand Marshal Nominations and Selection**

41 C. Parker reminded the committee to review the nomination folder in Moodle so that the Graduate
42 Council can determine the grand marshal in the April meeting.
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44 **Duolingo Language Requirement**

45 C. Roche-Wallace asked if the Duolingo language requirement will continue to serve as an option for
46 graduate students. P. de Mahy confirmed that it will continue until the 2024 and said that he will make
47 sure that the information is available on the Graduate School website.
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1 **New Business**

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3 **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Recommendations from the University Committee for Graduate**
4 **Student Success and Retention**

5 C. Parker said that he received a recommendation from the University Committee for Graduate Student
6 Success and Retention to revisit the statement of solidarity that was created in 2020. He suggested that
7 the IDEA committee be asked to review on behalf of the Graduate Council and provide its
8 recommendations for action to consider.

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10 **Graduate Student Appreciation Week**

11 P. de Mahy reviewed the upcoming events for Graduate Student Appreciation Week, adding that this
12 will mark a return to in-person programming offered by the Graduate School. He reported that Dr. Paige
13 Byerly, a recent graduate from the Environmental and Evolutionary Biology Ph.D. program, will be
14 returning as the GSAW keynote speaker during for the Doctoral Candidacy Recognition Ceremony. He
15 asked that the Graduate Council encourage their graduate students and fellow grad faculty to
16 participate in the social programming and the wellness-related activities. He further asked members to
17 consider volunteering to serve as judges for the Graduate Research Showcase that includes both paper
18 and poster competitors in three different categories.

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20 **Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's (ABM) Proposed Policy**

21 C. Parker reported that M. Farmer-Kaiser will discuss this proposal during the April meeting.

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23 Motion made to adjourn at 2:23. Motion seconded and carried.